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In re Application of:

KOJI NAKAGIRI ET AL.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are enclosed.

The references listed on the Form PTO-1449 were cited in an office action of a counterpart Japanese application.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is provided in the English abstracts attached to those documents and/or corresponding U.S. patent documents, as indicated on Form PTO-1449.

Also, Applicants represent that the Japanese documents relate to the following.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 11-179993 discusses, when performing print processing of document data from an application program, generating and storing intermediate data in the case of specifying a job spool mode, combining the intermediate data and a stored file of the name of a combined file into new intermediate data in the case of specifying a job combination mode, and generating print data on the basis of newly generated intermediate data.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 10-105349 discusses restricting the setting range of a user in a printer driver and registering it as the virtual printer driver, and further restricting the setting range of the user in the registered virtual printer driver.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 11-99724 discusses calculating a printing range on the basis of a margin setting parameter in the printer driver and generating the printing data in which a centering setting is applied, by compressing and expanding the description data of a logical page received by an application program, along the calculated printing range.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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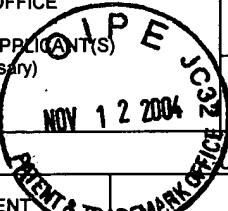
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